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SUBJ: CENTO BUDGET

REF: A. ANKARA 0531, B. STATE 37758, C. ANKARA 1571

1. CENTO SECRETARIAT HAS REQUESTED COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES' APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975-76 IN AMOUNT 509,986 POUNDS STERLING (SEE REF C). FULL STATEMENT OF BUDGET IS SET FORTH IN BAC/75/D6 (REVISION NO. 1) DATED FEBRUARY 27, 1976, COPIES OF WHICH BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. SECRETARIAT'S REQUEST FOLLOWS AGREEMENT BY THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (BAC) ON FEBRUARY 23 (REF C). THE BAC STIPULATED THAT THE AMOUNT OF 5000 PS REQUESTED UNDER CHAPTER 2300 (CONTINGENCY RESERVE) SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES. THEREFORE, EACH MEMBER COUNTRY WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE INITIALLY ONE-FIFTH OF 504,986 PS OR 100,997.20 PS. EACH MEMBER GOVERNMENT COULD BE ASSESSED LATER, UP TO AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT OF 1,000 PS, SHOULD THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES AGREE TO APPROVE USE OF THE 5,000 PS CONTINGENCY RESERVE.

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3. SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ITEMS REFLECTED IN THIS BUDGET ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. AN INCREASE OF 15 PERCENT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE GRADED STAFF BASIC SALARIES, FOREIGN AND RESIDENT STAFF ALLOWANCES, AND THE AUXILIARY STAFF SALARIES, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1975. AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF 2.6 PERCENT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES OF THE GRADED STAFF, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1975, TO MEET THE LOSS INCURRED BY THE INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF THE TURKISH LIRA VIS-A-VIS THE POUND STERLING, AS EXPLAINED IN DOCUMENT BAC/75/D13. THIS INCREASE OF 2.6 PERCENT HAS BEEN CARRIED FORWARD TO THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1975-76. THE ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF 2.4 PERCENT PROPOSED IN DOCUMENT BAC/75/D13 WAS APPROVED BY THE BUDGET AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE AS AN INTERIM RELIEF PAYMENT FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1975, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT THIS INCREASE SHOULD NOT BE REFLECTED IN THE SALARY SCHEDULES OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1975-76 (SEE REF C).

B. IN THE AUXILIARY STAFF SALARY SCHEDULE THE GROUPING OF THE AUXILIARY STAFF HAS BEEN REDUCED FROM 13 TO 6, AND MINOR ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN APPLYING THE 15 PERCENT INCREASE.

C. IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE GAP BETWEEN THE CHILDREN ALLOWANCES OF THE GRADED AND THE AUXILIARY STAFF, THE CHILDREN ALLOWANCE OF THE AUXILIARY STAFF HAS BEEN RAISED FROM TL 50 TO TL 250 PER MONTH, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1975.

D. AN EXTRA PROVISION OF 963 PS HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE BUDGET ESTIMATES TO LET THE AUXILIARY STAFF BENEFIT FROM THE CENTO MEDICAL BENEFIT SCHEME IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE GRADED STAFF.

E. THE RENT ALLOWANCES HAVE BEEN INCREASED, CONSISTENT WITH THE INCREASES BEING CHARGED IN ANKARA.

F. THE HONORARIUM OF THE SECURITY POLICE GUARDS HAS BEEN RAISED FROM TL 600 TO TL 810 PER MONTH, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 1975.

4. THE FOREGOING CENTO SECRETARIAT BUDGET FALLS WELL WITHIN
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THE 525,000 PS CEILING APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN REF B. THIS SAVINGS RESULTS FROM THE EFFORTS OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES TO REDUCE CENTO EXPENDITURES.

5. IN ADDITION TO APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARIAT'S BUDGET, THE COUNCIL OF DEPUTIES HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED TO APPROVE THE BUDGET ESTIMATES OF THE COMBINED MILITARY PLANNING STAFF FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1975-76 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 159,344 PS AS SHOWN IN ANNEX 'A' TO DOCUMENT BAC/75/D19, DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1975, ALLOWING THE SAME INCREASES AND

BENEFITS FOR THE GRADED AND AUZILIARY STAFF AS AGREED IN THE
CASE OF THE SECRETARIAT STAFF.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF BOTH BUDGETS INCLUDING
PROVISOS CITED ABOVE. SECRETARIAT HAS ASKED FOR RESPONSES
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